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There is now an [official roadmap](#) for submitting a grant application at the Leiden Law School. You can find details at [Funding Support – Leiden Law School](#).

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- Do you have a **specific topic** you would like to find funding opportunities for?
- Do you know a **donor** that you think should be added to our list?
- Do you want to receive **monthly updates** about external funding opportunities?

Let me know!

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Useful links:

- [Faculty of Law | Steps for Submitting a Research Grant Proposal](#)
- [Faculty of Law | Introduction to Funding & Funding Schemes](#)
- [Faculty of Law | Funding Opportunities](#)

- [Leiden University | Research Funding Knowledge Base](#)
- [Leiden University | Research Funding Events](#)
- [Leiden University | Education Grants](#)
- [LUF | Grants](#)

- [NWO | Funding Calls](#)
- [EU | Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal](#)
- [Erasmus+ | Deadlines](#)

- [SteunLeiden | Start a crowdfunding campaign!](#)

1. Events

[RVO: Webinar on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

7 May 2026, 10:30-12:00

[Leiden University: How to write a Data Management Plan \(DMP\)](#)

11 May 2026, 14:00 – 17:00

[NWO: Information Session on AI for Agriculture, Horticulture, Water, and Food 2026 \(KIC\)](#)

12 May 2026, 14:00 – 15:00 (online)

[Horizon Europe: Cluster 2 Matchmaking Event](#)

12 May 2026, 20:00 – 21:30 (online)

[NWO: Faculty of Impact Webinars 2026](#)

The Faculty of Impact 2026 call gives talented researchers the opportunity and guidance to take their first steps towards entrepreneurship in two years' time.

Introduction to Faculty of Impact: 18th of May, 11:00 – 12:00 on Zoom

Writing your Proposal: 21st of May, 10:00 – 11:00 on Zoom

[NWO: Talent Programme \(Veni, Vidi, Vici, Rubicon\) Information Day](#)

20 May 2026, All day

[Leiden University: Writing an Excellent Research Grant Proposal \(for PhDs and Postdocs\)](#)

21 May 2026 (all day, in-person)

[NWO: Information Webinar 'Reducing drug harm' \(NWA\)](#)

28 May 2026, 10:00 – 11:30

[Net4Society: Matchmaking Event for Horizon Europe Cluster 2](#)

1 June 2026, all day – 2 June 2026, all day (Paris)

[NWO: Matchmaking 'Triple planetary crisis in the Polar regions' \(NWA\)](#)

2 June 2026, 10:00 – 18:00 (Utrecht)

[Horizon Europe: MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 - Call Info Day](#)

3 June 2026, 9:30 – 12:30 (online)

[RVO: Workshop ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant](#)

4 June 2026, 13:00 – 17:00 (Utrecht)

2. Individual Projects

NWO Faculty of Impact 2026	
What is it?	Aimed at researchers who want to achieve impact with their research and are interested in developing entrepreneurial skills to set up their own business .
How much?	Up to €210,000 for 24 months (salary and material costs).
Deadline	26 May 2026, 14:00.

Gerda Henkel Stiftung General Projects	
What is it?	Funding for projects on legal history and related fields.
How much?	Funding depends on project needs and may cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel (scholarships for project staff) • Travel costs • Material costs • Family and foreign allowances Small projects up to €30,000 can be funded anytime via a simplified procedure; larger projects may exceed this depending on scope.
Deadline	26 May 2026.

Gerda Henkel Stiftung Democracy Projects	
What is it?	International, multidisciplinary research on Topics: (1) Democracy as a Utopia, Experience and Threats or (2) Transformations of Democracy? Or: The Contours of Future Democratic Society.
How much?	Full-time research scholarships for 1–24 months. Typical monthly rates: PhD €1,920; Postdoc €2,760; Senior €3,720. Additional support includes family allowance, travel and material costs.
Deadline	3 June 2026.

NWO Hop-On Call for Proposals for Researchers Based in Ukraine 2025	
What is it?	To stimulate online participation of researchers in Ukraine in ongoing NWO projects and to extend their network in the Dutch research community.
How much?	€ 30,000 for 6-24 months.
Deadline	23 June 2026, 14:00.

Netherlands eScience Center Call for Open and Sustainable Research Software 2026	
What is it?	Funding supporting teams who want to improve the sustainability of existing research software. Projects receive dedicated support from eScience Center Research Software Engineers.
How much?	Up to €250,000 per project, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €225,000 in-kind RSE support (~2000 hours) • Up to €25,000 for workshops, training, and community-building activities
Deadline	14 May 2026, 14:00 (project proposals) July & August 2026 (proposal development workshop) 3 September 2026, 14:00 (full proposals)
Notes	Online information session on 9 April 2026.

NWO | SSH Open Competition XS 2026 (Round 3)

What is it?	To encourage curiosity-driven and innovative research that involves the relatively rapid exploration of a promising idea .
How much?	Max. €50,000 for 6-24 months.
Deadline	15 September 2026, 14:00.

EC-JTM | Public Sector Loan Facility (PSLF) Lump Sum Grants

What is it?	Research on serious social, economic and environmental challenges deriving from the transition towards the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets and the EU's 2050 objective of climate neutrality.
How much?	€1 million – 25 million. See call document (page 15).
Deadline	17 September 2026, 17:00 16 February 2027, 17:00

NWO | Take-off Phase 1 – Feasibility Studies WO 2026

What is it?	Stimulating activity and entrepreneurship from Dutch universities , to investigate feasibility to commercially apply an innovative research result.
How much?	Max. €60,000 for 6 months.
Deadline	10 December 2026, 14:00.

Ammodo Foundation | Fundamental Research Grant

What is it?	Universities can nominate mid-career scientists for the opportunity to conduct pioneering fundamental scientific research.
How much?	€350,000
Deadline	Will open in spring 2026.

KNAW | Statesman Thorbecke Fund Programme

What is it?	Research projects that have a strong connection with the Dutch statesman Johan Rudolf Thorbecke and that are carried out by a postdoctoral researcher.
How much?	Up to €200,000
Deadline	Opening September 2027.

BREN Zuid-Holland | Research & Innovation Funding for Youth Care

What is it?	BREN Zuid-Holland is a network of youth care professionals committed to sustainable and structural transformation. See application process and guidelines for submitting a proposal (in Dutch).
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

WODC (Scientific Research and Data Centre) | Research Programming 2026

What is it?	WODC publishes its programme of intended research (click here to download). Interested researchers contact the WODC.
How much?	Depends on research study.
Deadline	Contact the WODC for more details.

3. Collaborative Projects

NWA The Power of Collaboration	
What is it?	Funding for research into the applicability of the results of <i>existing</i> NWA consortia to national, regional and local policy levels, and investigate how the insights gained can be translated for other relevant stakeholders.
How much?	€ 1.4 - € 1.5 million for 4 years.
Deadline	16 June 2026, 14:00.

Volkswagen Stiftung Transformational Knowledge on Democracies under Change	
What is it?	Task Forces: up to two researchers plus civil-society partners work for one year on an urgent question affecting democracy in the EU, producing concrete policy recommendations.
How much?	Up to €180,000
Deadline	Next Task Force call expected to be published in autumn 2026.

For a full list of Horizon Europe 2026 calls, see the work programmes below. If you have any questions about consortium building or applying for Horizon, please contact [Jekaterina Savicka](#).

- Cluster 1: [Health](#)
- Cluster 2: [Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society](#)
- Cluster 3: [Civil Security for Society](#)
- Cluster 4: [Digital, Industry and Space](#)
- Cluster 5: [Climate, Energy and Mobility](#)
- Cluster 6: [Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment](#)
- [European Innovation Ecosystems \(EIE\)](#)
- [Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area](#)

[COST-Action](#) (funding for networking activities) documents will be made available in spring 2026.

4. Organizing Events & Workshops

Lorentz Center for Scientific Workshops Organize a Workshop	
What is it?	The Lorentz Center is a workshop center that hosts international scientific meetings of typically one week. Apply now for a workshop May-Dec 2026.
How much?	In-kind support, roughly €25,000-30,000: venue, social events, coffee breaks, organizational support (developing program).
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

KNVIR Support for Seminars and Expert Meetings	
What is it?	Support for seminars and meetings (e.g. networking activities or a ‘meet and greet’ with a prominent international lawyer).
How much?	€ 2,000 per event.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

5. Mobility Funding

<u>LUF Participation in a Conference Abroad</u>	
What is it?	PhD students (not on payroll) can apply for a grant for participation in a conference outside the Netherlands . Attending the conference must be part of a research project within the faculty and/or part of a PhD programme.
How much?	Max. € 750 in Europe and max. € 1,500 outside of Europe).
Deadline	14 May 2026 (decision meeting 8 June, 2026).

<u>NIAS Safe Haven Fellowship 2026</u>	
What is it?	Supports scholars at risk. 5-month fellowship to pursue individual research.
How much?	€3,500 per month (February-June 2027)
Deadline	20 July 2026 .

<u>EU-WIDERA European Research Area (ERA) Fellowships</u>	
What is it?	MSCA research fellowships taking place in a Widening country (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia).
How much?	Living, mobility, and family allowance based on person-months. See page 78 of the MSCA Work Programme for the contribution amounts.
Deadline	9 September 2025, 17:00 .

<u>EU-MSCA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026</u>	
What is it?	MSCA mobility research fellowships.
How much?	Living, mobility, and family allowance based on person-months. See page 78 of the MSCA Work Programme for the contribution amounts. Make sure you contact your financial controller before deciding to apply for this grant.
Deadline	9 September 2025, 17:00 .

<u>Erasmus+ Staff Training Abroad</u>	
What is it?	Participate in training such as a course, job-shadowing, an observation period or a language course, in any Erasmus+ country (EU member states, Serbia, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Turkey). Covers 2-14 days excluding travel. Conferences not eligible.
How much?	- Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance, number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling) , but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of your Erasmus+ period.

<u>Erasmus+ Teaching Assignments Abroad</u>	
What is it?	Carry out a teaching assignment in any of the Erasmus+ programme countries (EU member states, North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Turkey). Duration 2-60 days excluding travel, teaching min. 8 hours/week.
How much?	Daily allowance and travel allowance calculated based on travel distance, number of days, and country cost of living. See here .
Who can apply?	PhD students and staff.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling) , but you must apply min. 1 month before the start date of your Erasmus+ period.

6. Small Grants

Leiden University KIEM Grant	
What is it?	Seed grants for interdisciplinary collaborations at Leiden University.
How much?	€10,000
Deadline	11 May 2026, 17:00.

KNAW Humanities Fund	
What is it?	Supports early-career humanities researchers for short-term research visits abroad, to promote research in the humanities.
How much?	€2,000 – €10,000
Deadline	13 May 2026.

KNAW Meetings with Nobel Prize Laureates	
What is it?	Opportunity for young researchers to meet peers from almost 100 countries and to speak with Nobel laureates.
How much?	KNAW contributes to participation costs.
Deadline	Opens 15 August 2026.

KNAW Early Career Partnerships 2026	
What is it?	Funding to organise interdisciplinary meetings for early-career researchers (obtained their PhD 3-7 years ago).
How much?	Up to €10,000
Deadline	Opening 1 November 2026.

NWO Open Access Books	
What is it?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects can apply for funding of the costs of Open Access publishing of academic books that result from NWO funding.
How much?	Max. € 10.000.
Who can apply?	Main applicants or co-applicants of awarded NWO research projects.
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

SIDN Fonds Pioneer Projects for a Stronger Internet	
What is it?	Supports projects with added societal value for a strong internet, strong internet users, or the internet's significance for public values and society.
How much?	Up to € 10,000 (to develop your idea into a demo, pilot or experimental design)
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

Juvnboll Stichting Grants for Publications	
What is it?	Grants for publications that promote the study of Arabic and Islam.
How much?	Max. €5000
Deadline	Continuous (rolling).

7. Awards and Prizes

<u>KNAW Early Career Award</u>	
What is it?	Supports early-career researchers contributing to science through research, education, impact, or leadership.
How much?	€15,000
Deadline	1 July 2026.

<u>KNAW De la Court Prize</u>	
What is it?	Recognizes unpaid outstanding work in social sciences/humanities.
How much?	€7,500
Deadline	1 July 2026.

<u>KNAW Dr. Hendrik Muller Prize</u>	
What is it?	Mid-career prize for outstanding contributions to humanities/social sciences.
How much?	€25,000
Deadline	Opens 15 March 2027.